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Subject Toxic Wells in Montgomery County

Mr. Gray,

I believe it was you I spoke to a while back. Regarding the Toxic Well permit application for Texcom in Montgomery County.

Since our last conversation we have done much research and have grown in numbers in upward of 100,000 (The Woodlands has joined in opposition). We have

found that this site has the potential to affect 50 counties water supply. Including The Woodlands, Kingwood, Houston etc... We are talking hundreds of thousands of people. Why is no-one else stepping in?. Because, no-one can. The TCEQ has full control over this and is not governed by anyone. It is very unlikely they will over turn their own decision (permits already drafted - preliminary approval). Why is the EPA the EPA then?. If you are the environmental PROTECTION Agency then help PROTECT our environment and us.

Injections wells can and have failed and caused loss of life, cancer, birth defects etc... There are current cases as such. So we look at that and ADD the area they want to put this one in and we are just asking for one of the largest MAN MADE disasters. This area and current well FAIL miserably all guide lines but no one is listening. Does this sound familiar? Rev. Hudson sound familiar? Don't make us another statistic. Help Save the water NOW!! I have no doubt someone in your office has pull in the right areas. Someone knows someone that can make this stop for the RIGHT reasons. President Bush wants to leave a "Green" legacy - Per recent press. This is a start. Texas, what a better place then here to start this legacy if you will.

NO compatibility testing has been done by Texcom and has NOT been required of them thus far. Do we need another cracked casing from that as in other failure cases. How about the pressure and the cracked casing failure are we next? The modeling done by Texcom was revised 3 times due to error??? Was not revised the last time until the day or two before the SOAH hearing began?? So if the grass roots effort never prompted a hearing injections would already be going on. Scary to think that the current well (never used put in 5 years ago by another company) has been shown in hearing to be perforated to shallow and would cause aquifer contamination (agreed by Texcom and TCEQ). BUT again if we would not have gotten this hearing they would have injected into the current well with the shallow perforation by now. THIS IS WRONG!!! Knowing what you have heard and know would you drink the water after these wells go in? Better yet would you allow your children to drink the water?

Anyways, I must tell you our community is outraged and VERY concerned with the TCEQ and it's behavior during the SOAH hearings held in December. We as a community (50 counties affected by this group of aquifers) fell like our government is risking the lives of Hundreds of Thousands if they allow this well to go in. We understand there are already hundreds of these types of wells in operation today. BUT with the findings of the MANY experts regarding this location find it without a doubt unstable (Faults in immediate area) and unsuited (hundreds of abandoned wells). This is not the place, get the permitting stopped now.

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